

## REPORT OF MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: July 22, 2015, 7:00 p. m.

PROJECT NO.: State Project No. 63-699: Rehabilitation of Aetna Viaduct  
FAP No. 0843 (227)  
Bridges Nos. 03160A-D, 03301, 03303  
I-84 over Amtrak, CT Fastrak, and Local Roads  
Hartford

LOCATION: Union Station, One Union Place  
Multi-Purpose Conference Room  
Hartford, CT

SUBJECT: Public Information Meeting

ATTENDANCE: Theodore Nezames ConnDOT- Bridges  
David Cutler ConnDOT – Bridges  
Dean Cerasoli ConnDOT – District I  
Steven Harlackner Hardesty & Hanover  
Benjamin Hawthorne Hardesty & Hanover  
Andrew McHugh Hartford DPW

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## TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

Mr. Cutler opened the meeting with an introduction of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the role of the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, and identified the Department personnel assigned to this rehabilitation project. Mr. Cutler introduced Hardesty & Hanover, LLC as the designer of the project, after which he gave a summary of the meeting agenda. Mr. Cutler identified the “poor” condition rating of the bridge substructure and the desire to extend the service life of the bridges as the reasons for the project.

Upon completion of the project introduction, Mr. Hawthorne delivered a prepared PowerPoint presentation of the technical aspects of the project. Mr. Hawthorne gave a description of the existing structure, provided a list of previously performed rehabilitation contracts, and presented the project work site using aerial photographs and colorized plan drawings. He then presented the purpose and need, existing condition, and scope of work for the proposed project, referencing inspection photographs of existing conditions. Mr. Hawthorne’s presentation also identified changes to the structure that the travelling public would notice, maintenance and protection of traffic impacts, and the configuration of day-time and night-time work zones. Additional information was also presented regarding Utilities, Environmental Concerns, Rights-of-Way, Project Schedule, Project Cost, Coordination with Adjacent Projects, and the Long Term Planning Project for I-84 through Hartford.

Printed boards and a handout were made available to attendees.

Questions and comments were addressed after completion of the prepared presentation as follows:

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Topic No. 1.           Impacts to parking areas below the structures would be affected by the construction.

H&H indicated that the current plan is similar to recent ConnDOT Project 63-648, which limited the Contractor's impact within the parking areas to a pre-determined number of parking spaces. The number of spaces would be agreed to during the design phase of the project and would be included in the Section 1.08 Prosecution and Progress Special Provisions included with the Contract Documents.

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Topic No. 2.           The planned limit of overlay replacement was questioned.

The planned work includes partial depth milling and overlaying the existing wearing surface and replacement of the asphaltic plug deck joints. The intended overlay does not include removal of the existing waterproofing membrane, which was replaced in Project 63-648 and is still functional.

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Topic No. 3.           The availability of qualified contractors to bid on the project was questioned.

The Department cited the competitive bids for project 63-648 and other nearby projects as reasons to believe that there are sufficient qualified contractors to bid on the project. A competitive bid is anticipated for this project and for other future projects within the corridor.

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Topic No. 4.           A summary of work previously performed on the viaduct was requested, including discussion of deck patching necessary as part of this contract.

The deck patching performed as part of Project 63-648 has been successful and outside of the median and parapet areas, there is no significant planned deck patching work as part of the proposed scope of work. This contract will address additional steel repairs, substructure repairs and median and parapet work that was not included in the scope of the rehabilitation for Project 63-648. It is believed that improved inspection access and techniques have resulted in an increase to the number of documented areas of section loss, needing repair.

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Topic No. 5.           Further discussion of the scope, proximity, and planned schedule for adjacent projects ensued.

The number of projects, duration of project, and rehabilitation scope for the planned rehabilitation of bridges on the Hartford I-84 corridor are well known to the Department and the coordination of these projects is manageable. The Department is proactively considering additional steps to manage simultaneous projects.

The Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45pm. The Department intends to seek design approval for the proposed rehabilitation and will communicate with the City, Amtrak, CT Fastrak, and affected parking lot lease-holders during the development of contract documents. The City will be informed upon initiation of the construction phase of the project.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steven D. Harlacker                      Hardesty & Hanover                      Date

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Connecticut DOT                      Date